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I am in favor of CrR 4.11. The rule itself goes to whether a recording of the interview may be made, not to the permissibility of the interview itself. As many have already commented, for victim witnesses, the trauma generally comes from the interview itself and not whether a recorder is present. In addition to the cost savings recording would provide, recording interviews serves to document the statement of the witness. In the case of non-victim witnesses, the interview process is not traumatic in the least. With witnesses who may later try to change the events at trial, the recording protects the rights of the accused. Moreover, recording interviews promotes professionalism on the part of all parties involved.

Thank you,
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